

THE SENTINEL

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DAILY QUOTES

"The executive staff thinks its funny that's all that matters."
- Anonymous

"I don't think cadets lay eggs."
- c/SSgt Melendez

"I've saluted so much I'm getting tendonitis in my arm"
- Maj Putney

"Support staff VS the geese, the final smackdown!"
- c/CMSgt Weigang

"Look, a rainbow!"
"Gonna go find the pot of gold?"
"Will the DF gear work for that?"
"I'm gonna sue lucky charms and skittles about false advertisement if they're not there."
- Misc Staff

Cadets attend classes:



While drill dominated cadets' first full day of encampment, the 191st and 192nd Cadet Training Squadrons each attended an aerospace class regarding Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and Air Force structure. The MDA is an organization directed by the Department of Defense to neutralize the threat of both short and long range ballistic missiles. Over the course of the class, cadets learned about the equipment, command structure, and the series of events that occur during a missile intercept. Cadets also learned about the history and structure of the United States Air Force. The history lesson began at the original Signal Corps, covered the influence of General "Billy" Mitchell, and then the Air Force's formation in 1947. Posters and fliers were made free to cadets.

The class was taught by LtCol Mike Platteel, USAF, who is assigned to the MDA and the Pentagon. He is a former Spaatz Cadet. Classes were held in a briefing room at MMR, outside of Camp Edwards.

In addition to the Air Force structure class, Cadets attended a *Customs and Courtesies* class, where they learned procedures for rendering proper respect directly and exactly. Class was held in the barracks and instruction was provided by flight staff.

- c/CMSgt Matthew Weigang



Interview: c/A1c Jillian O'Brien

This is Cadet O'Brien's second year of encampment.

Q: Do you feel better about being on staff for your second year?

A: Yes, I am loving it.

Q: What was the best thing you liked about your first encampment?

A: I loved the obstacle course.

Q: Do you feel a sense of normality being back at encampment?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: What do you like best of being back here at encampment?

A: We are in Cape Cod.

Q: What are you looking forward to this year?

A: Making new friends.

- c/A1c Iyenga

The Empty Table

"The Military and many other organizations are filled with symbolism... this table is our way of symbolizing the fact that some members of our profession are missing from our midst. These missing brothers and sisters may be absent because they are Prisoners of War, Missing in Action, being held as hostages or because they made the ultimate sacrifice to help keep us free. Regardless of the reason they are unable to be with us today and so remember them and their circumstances.

This table, set for one, is small symbolizing the frailty of the individual, alone, against his oppressors.

The table cloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions in responding to their country's call.

The single rose, in a vase, reminds us of the families and loved ones who keep the faith, awaiting their return.

The rose itself is red, signifying the blood shed by our comrades in the defense of our freedom.

The yellow ribbon tied around the vase is reminiscent of the ribbon worn on the lapels and breasts of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing and for the safe return of those held hostage or engaged in our defense.

The slice of lemon, on a bread plate, is to remind us of the bitterness of their fate. And, there is salt upon the plate to remind us of the tears shed by those who wait.

The chair is empty, signifying their absence and our constant hope that they will return someday. And signifying that when they do return, there is and has been a place set aside for them in our hearts and minds.

Finally, the glass is inverted to remind us that they cannot join us, nor dine with us in this evening."



Interviews with the KP :

(words from fellow cadets about cadet tasks)

Interview with Cadet Cassanelli

Q. How do you like KP?

A. Its okay.

Q. What is the best part of KP?

A. Making friends and it's a new experience.

Interview with Cadet Mercurio

Q. How do you like KP?

A. Its fine.

Q. What is the best part about KP?

A. Eating first.

- C/SSgt Melendez

Words from Parents:

c/Amn DeBoissiere: "Good Luck, Stay Strong" - Mom & Dad

c/MSgt Delviscovo: "Be True, Be good, And Work Hard."

c/Amn Cook: "Do your best"